

LIVE SPORTS

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TIGERS' CONTENDERS FOR PENNANT; WHITESOX HOPE LIE IN ED WALSH

Manager Clark Griffith Admits for First Time That Jungaleers May Make It Interesting for Eastern Clubs, Relying Largely on Their Tremendous Hitting Power.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

For the first time Clark Griffith today went on record as believing that Detroit is to be a real contender in the American League race.

Before the start the consensus of opinion was that the real strength of the circuit was restricted to the East. The remarkable showing the Tigers have made on the Western side, winning thirteen and dropping six, has set them all talking and now the leader of the Nationals feels that Jennings' club will be the biggest sort of a factor before the 1914 baseball sundown.

"It may be that Detroit does not have the pitching strength of some of the others that are figured, but they can 'bust' that ball, and you know that covers a multitude of sins," commented Griffith today.

CONTINUED HITTING WILL KEEP THEM UP.

"If they can continue to lace it out, they will stay up there a whole lot longer than some people think."

As to Chicago, Griffith thinks the Sox's chances are dependent largely upon Ed Walsh. If Walsh comes through and wins his usual number of games the Sox may get up there pretty strong.

With Dick Williams pitching the regulars had a protracted batting practice this morning, but there was only light work done in fielding.

Griffith took a look at the press reservation today and admitted that the complaints that have been made were justifiable, but he will see that things are changed as soon as it is possible.

The persistency of Clark Griffith in staging that game yesterday afternoon in the face of the most harrowing of conditions resulted in a capital fiasco, getting the most encouraging news thus far.

There were hundreds of baseball followers here who for weeks had been in mortal fear that something radical had happened to Walter Johnson. Some thought he was ill, but he believed he was secretly nursing some injury; while others were detected over the general suspicion that he was in for a bad year.

But when that "Coffeeville Express" pulled out yesterday he gave the lie to every story of his condition. True it was not the first time that he had finished with the long end of the score, still the form which he showed against those Highlanders had not been approached by him since last fall. Every attribute that placed him at the apex of the pitchers was working overtime with such force, enthusiasm, and determination that it was not until the seventh inning that a visitor survived the trip to the first corner.

Often the expression "invincible" is used when pitchers are going along in good shape, but it is never more fittingly applied than yesterday when "Swift" not only stopped the Yankees' pastime exactly two bats before hit with sufficient force to fly the infield. Back of those was a fly and four batters were stranded.

It may be heaping a little excessive criticism on Ray Morin, but it is said that he had handled Hartzell's grounder in the seventh in orthodox style. Johnson, however, had gone through without allowing a man to get on the paths still it is a fact that as soon as this error was committed, the big right-hander simply and simply breezed through the remainder of the day.

Up to the time of the boot all was well, but subsequently Johnson practically gave the New Yorkers four hits, twice they reached third before Johnson got back, and the job and turned them back runners.

While the Highlanders were walking up to the plate, listing to the song of the swift and returning to the bench thankful that they were still in the land of the living, the Nationals were pounding Marty McAlle in every direction. A dozen times they were hit by the ball into unguarded territory, but half these would have been sufficient to win.

In the bombardment of McAlle, Howard Shanks was way out there getting the ball. Including a two-spot, while Ed Foster and Charlie Gaudin were there with a couple apiece.

In discussing Johnson, it might be well to repeat Harry Walter's criticism of the pitcher. According to Walter, the only difference between Johnson and a cannon was that you could hear a cannon when it shot.

For a long time the press box at National Park was one of the jokes of the league; now it is one of the sights of the circuit.

The real answer to Griffith's insistence on playing on water-soaked plains yesterday was that he might as well moundmen in the proper working order.

He wanted to get Johnson primed before the Athletics reached our fair city. As matters now stand, he can hand the Yankees Shaw, open against the Athletics tomorrow with Joe Boehling, use Doc Ayers on Friday, and then come right back with Johnson on Saturday.

With Walter, the Mighty, facing the champions of the universe on Saturday the last afternoon of the week should be a big one around Georgia avenue. Incidentally the Saturday game begins at 3 o'clock.

The total receipts for yesterday's game just about paid for the oil burned on the paths and the cleaner's bill for putting the white ones back into presentable condition, still it was well worth the while.

That triple play that the Highlanders put over yesterday was a real abetting by Ed Almshuth, through some sort of an understanding. There were three on, meaning a force play at every corner. When the ball was hit to the pitcher he shot it home and Sweeney got it over to first in time to complete a double. Almshuth's only move was to dig for third, but he hesitated and before he could finally get to the next base Williams had hurled the ball across the diamond and three were out before the few spectators fully realized that they were seeing one of the scarcest times in major league baseball—a triple play.

Thus far there have been three triple plays in the National League and in the American and the New York and Chicago clubs have been credited with them in the National.

The standings today show that the Nationals are right on the heels of those famed Mackmen.

Mr. E. Foster, of third base, is to-

"Detroit May Make Fight For Gonfalon," Says Griffith

HE STARTED AND FINISHED IT



Here You See the Classic Countenance of Fritz Maisel, the Midget Third Baseman of the New York Yankees, Who Started and Finished That Great Triple Play Yesterday Against the Griffins. He Seized Morgan's Bump, Got Gandil at the Plate and Then Got Back to the Hot Corner in Time to Take the Peg From Harry Williams and Lay It on E. "Dorf" Almshuth. Maisel Bids Fair to Become One of the Large Luminares of the New York Club This Season.

GESSLER MAY LOSE FED MANAGERSHIP

Directors of Pittsburgh Club Refuse to Pay Money to Get Big League Stars.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 6.—Dr. Harry Gessler, former slugging outfielder with Brooklyn, Boston and Washington in the big leagues, is likely to lose his managerial job with the local Federal League club. Some official action is expected today. Meanwhile, Gessler isn't at all bashful about telling his own story.

"I have the weakest club in the Federal League," said Gessler today. "Before going to Chicago I told President Gwinner that I needed two infielders, two outfielders, three pitchers and a catcher. He said go ahead and get them. I got a couple of players who would jump the big leagues, but when Gwinner found out their terms, he got cold feet. They got away from me. One is now with the Kansas City Federals."

"I can't find out whether I've been suspended or not. The directors refuse to meet me, but insist on conducting the club's affairs. Personally, I'm not worrying much about that. The league has a chance, if it will keep right ahead, but here the directors are beginning to act like the Cincinnati directors."

White Sox Run Away From Those Brownies

ST. LOUIS, May 6.—The White Sox simply ran away from those Brownies here yesterday, winning, 3 to 1. Branch Rickey bused eighteen players in a vain effort to head off the Windy City tribe. Taylor was hammered out of the slab in the second inning, and Roy Mitchell fared no better. Manning and Hoch, rookies, received favorable trials. Hay Chase led at bat with four hits out of five trips to the plate. The score:

White Sox..... 10 000 20-6 12 1
Brownies..... 000 000-1 6 4
Batteries—White Sox, Russell and Mayer; Brownies, Taylor and Mitchell. Manning, Hoch and Rummel, Agnew, Jenkins.

The poor old National League didn't play a game yesterday, and double-headers are piling up rapidly. There is no automatic rule in Tene's circuit for double-headers, and so already the schedule list is cluttered up with bargain days that will hop into line within a few weeks.

Rip Hagerman seems to be pitching pretty good ball for the Naps. Hagerman had a trial with the Chicago Cubs a couple of times, failing each time and drifting back to the bushes. This trip to the big show, however, proves him one of the best newcomers in the American League this season.

Borrell Beats Moreau.

PARIS, May 6.—Joe Borrell, Philadelphia's promising young middleweight, won a round-robin fight in the eighth round of his twenty-round bout here last night. Borrell's heavy attack was a couple of times, failing each time and drifting back to the bushes. This trip to the big show, however, proves him one of the best newcomers in the American League this season.

Gibbons Shades Howard.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Sport writers here today differed over the outcome of a ten-round bout between Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, and Johnny Howard, of Bayonne, N. J. The two fought at the Broadway Sporting Club, and in the ten rounds Gibbons was given a shade. Several writers said Howard did well, and that Gibbons' win was a narrow one.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Detroit	12	6	.667	375-250
New York	7	6	.538	371-300
Philadelphia	7	6	.538	371-300
Washington	7	6	.538	363-300
St. Louis	9	8	.529	356-300
Chicago	9	10	.474	350-400
Boston	5	8	.385	429-357
Cleveland	6	12	.333	333-375

Today's Games

New York at Washington.
St. Louis at Cleveland.
Detroit at Philadelphia.

Tomorrow's Games

Philadelphia at Washington.
Detroit at St. Louis.
New York at Boston.

Yesterday's Results

Washington, 6; New York, 0.
Chicago, 3; St. Louis, 1.
Cleveland, 4; Detroit, 2.
Philadelphia-Boston, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Pittsburgh	12	2	.857	375-125
Philadelphia	8	4	.667	322-150
Brooklyn	6	5	.545	381-300
New York	5	5	.500	357-350
Cincinnati	5	5	.500	371-417
Chicago	7	10	.412	444-389
St. Louis	6	12	.333	368-316
Boston	3	9	.250	306-321

Today's Games

Philadelphia at Boston.
Brooklyn at New York.
Chicago at Pittsburgh.

Tomorrow's Games

Boston at New York.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Pittsburgh.
Cincinnati at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results

All Games Postponed—Rain.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Baltimore	10	4	.704	373-267
St. Louis	11	6	.647	367-311
Brooklyn	7	6	.538	371-300
Chicago	9	5	.500	356-471
Indianapolis	8	8	.500	325-471
Buffalo	6	7	.462	300-329
Kansas City	10	12	.455	344-389
Pittsburgh	3	11	.214	267-300

Today's Games

Buffalo at Chicago.
Brooklyn at Indianapolis.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City.
Baltimore at St. Louis.

Tomorrow's Games

Buffalo at Kansas City.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
Brooklyn at Chicago.
Baltimore at Indianapolis.

Yesterday's Results

Buffalo, 5; Chicago, 2; 12 innings.
Baltimore, 8; St. Louis, 6.
Kansas City, 3; Pittsburgh, 2.
Brooklyn-Indianapolis, rain.

MINCE PIE

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.
By "BUGS" BAER.

Now that Walter Johnson is in form again, we will take up that Mexican war again just where we left off.

William T. Hornaday, author of "Our Vanishing Wild Life," was probably never in town on the night of the Virginia-Georgetown football game.

So far the only Americans defeated in Mexico are the ones who paid good money to see a bull fight.

RABID RUDOLPH SAYS—

"WE WON A GAME YESTERDAY. RAINY WEATHER KEPT MOST OF THE GRAND STAND MANAGERS AWAY."

Barber who got a ten-cent tip from John D. retires. As yet nothing has been heard from the 750 kids who received a penny each. They are probably yacating in the Mediterranean.

We cannot see how that Englishman established a new walking record for twelve hours. Twelve hours is twelve hours, and you can't get away from it.

The Panama Canal will be open to commerce on May 12th. If there were about a dozen more places in the league, Cleveland could get far enough south to use it.

The California prune crop is a total failure, which is a fortunate thing for Fred Musser, now playing in Los Angeles. Paul Hibernates in boarding houses.

Twenty thousand pounds of jam were bought for the Yankees in Mexico. The Yankees in Florida Park got no jam yesterday. W. Johnson twirled.

If the Yanks could only do their booting in season, Charlie Brubaker would have to pay regular advertising rates to get his name in the papers.

Mediation received a severe blow yesterday when W. Johnson returned to form. A la more.

The Equine Show was called off yesterday on account of rain. Some of the riders will take double headers today.

General Huerta will decorate the military cadets who fired on the Americans with the Honorable Order of the Illustrious Snipers.

The Yankees in Vera Cruz are still defending the water works. Chance's Yankees must have caught the same spirit. They kept one foot in the water bucket.

Mike Doolan is playing Great Ball for Terrapins.

Mike Doolan, the Baltimore Terrapins' crack shortstop, has played thirteen games without an error. Furthermore, he is batting for more than .300 and has stolen home three times. Many baseball critics, accustomed to watching Doolan perform for the Phillies, are using his work now as proof of the difference between the Federal League and the big show. Doolan generally hit around .300 in the National League, and seldom stole a base, let alone stealing home.

Chaney to Meet Houck.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 6.—George Chaney and Tommy Houck, of New York, are scheduled to box ten rounds Tuesday night at the Monumental Theater. The contest will be staged by the American Athletic Association.

Since Houck rocked Chaney to sleep in nine rounds last winter, Henry Beltzer, who directs the affairs of the Baltimorean, has been angling for a return match and finally succeeded in signing up the Gothamite.

Orioles Drop Two.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 6.—Bill Morrisette, who flamed into prominence last Spring, has been sent to Raleigh, in the Carolina League, for m-o-w pitching experience. Frank Jarman, pitcher, has been released to Wilmington in the Tri-State League for the same reason.

Gibson Goes Back.

DETROIT, Mich., May 6.—Frank Gibson, the young gackstop, has been released by Huxley Jennings to the Nashville Southern League Club.

APPEAL IS GRANTED IN KILLIFER CASE; TRIAL WILL BE HEARD IN FALL

Federal League Claims Lower Court Errs in Denying Injunction and Judge Sessions Reverses Action, Reopening Matter at Issue, Promising Hearing.

CINCINNATI, O., May 6.—Judge Sessions of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals announced here yesterday that he had granted an appeal in the Federal Baseball League's case relative to Player Killifer, which was decided against it at Grand Rapids several weeks ago.

Judge Sessions said that the general basis for the appeal was the claim that the lower court had erred in denying an injunction.

It was also announced that the hearing will probably be held in this city some time in the fall.

KILLIFER FLOPPED BACK AND FORTH.

Catcher Killifer, of the Philadelphia National League team, signed a contract and decided to play with the Chicago Federal League club. Later he reconsidered his action and jumped back to the Philadelphia club, and the Federal League brought suit in the United States court at Grand Rapids in an effort to enjoin him from playing with the Philadelphia club.

In deciding the case Judge Sessions in a lengthy opinion denied the application of the Chicago Federal League club for an injunction on the grounds that the Chicago club did not come into court with clean hands. The reserve clause, however, was held not valid, but Killifer was allowed to return to the Philadelphia Nationals after being severely scored by Judge Sessions.

CHICAGO, May 6.—The Federal League's attorney, E. B. Gates, expected to have the appeal on the ground that Judge Sessions had sustained its every point in the request for an injunction though he had denied it, declaring that the Chicago club, failing to recognize the moral obligation between Killifer and the Philadelphia club, had come into the court with "unclean hands."

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Batteries—Cullop and Eastery; Dickson and Berry.

CHICAGO, May 6.—Hearing on the motion to dissolve the injunction restraining George H. Johnson, pitcher, who jumped to the Kansas City Federals from the Cincinnati National ball club, was continued yesterday until Thursday, May 14. The injunction was obtained by the Cincinnati club, and forbade Johnson from playing with any baseball organization.

CHICAGO, May 6.—Baseball fans of Chicago are to have a tempting menu set before them Sunday in a three-ringed circus of the national pastime. Here is the program:

On the south side—Detroit with Ty Cobb as the magnet will play the White Sox.

On the west side—Pittsburgh, leader of the National League, with Hans Wagner as the attraction, will meet the Cubs, and Cheney probably will pitch.

On the north side—Mordcait Brown, of the St. Louis Fedas, will pitch for his team against Claude Hendrix, of the Chicago Fedas.

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